

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

November 23, 1998  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

BOB EDWARDS, Council President; TONI NELSON; RANDY CORMAN; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; KING PARKER; DAN CLAWSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; MICHAEL KATTERMANN, Director of Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; CLARK PETERSEN, Library Director; ERIC IVERSON, Information Services Operations Supervisor; STEVEN DENISON, Special Projects Coordinator; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; COMMANDER KEVIN MILOSEVICH, Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 1998, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
Budget: 1999-2000

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider the proosed 1999-2000 Budget.

Victoria Runkle, Finance & Information Services Administrator, said tonight's hearing is the second and final hearing on the 1999-2000 Budget, which will be adopted by Council by December 21st.

Audience comment was invited.

Kim Browne, 1003 N. 28th Pl., Renton, 98056, asked that Council appropriate money to acquire privately owned land in the Kennydale creek ravine area for development as a public trail. Such an acquisition would preserve a natural environment for wildlife habitat as well as aesthetic and recreational purposes. Adding that the Kennydale area will be transformed in the next few years with major single- and multi-family developments, she asked that the City move now to protect this one small space.

Responding to Councilman Corman, Community Services Administrator Jim Shepherd confirmed that the City currently has \$200,000 available in matching funds for open space acquisition.

Council President Edwards noted that a large part of this property is not developable because of waterway setback requirements. Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler suggested that if the developer is prevented from building within 50 feet of the creek, this proposal might be better considered in terms of environmental mitigation.

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS REQUEST TO THE PARK BOARD. CARRIED.

Correspondence was read from Patti Warden, 365 Maple Ave. NW, Renton, 98055; Dean Kokjer, Pastor, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 3604 NE 10th Ct., Renton, 98056; and Dee Thierry, 1190 Union Ave. NE #A-12, Renton, 98059, all supporting increased human services funding in 1999. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER ALL THREE LETTERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1998 and beyond. Items noted included:

- \* Construction on the Main Ave. S. project started last week and will continue for approximately ten months.
- \* Renton sent Special Olympics athletes to the State bowling tournament and to the State volleyball tournament last weekend.
- \* At the South King County paramedic forum on November 4th, Renton Firefighter Todd Stanley was given a commendation for an off-duty action on the night of July 29th, when he assisted at a motor vehicle accident involving a passenger vehicle and a semi-truck.
- \* Fire Station 14's training tower will be officially dedicated by Mayor Tanner at 2:00 p.m. on December 7th.

## AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Columbi -  
Library Funding

Cynthia Columbi, 1013 N. 31st St., Renton, 98056, speaking on behalf of herself and fellow Renton Library Board members Gene Craig, Cathy Corman, Judy Milligan and Ken Ragland, urged the City to restore funding to the library's book collection. Explaining that the funding for the Library's book collection was drastically reduced in 1993 for the 1994 budget, she said the Library Board asked for an additional \$80,000 in 1999 to restore the book budget to the 1993 level. The cost of materials has substantially increased, and the reference collection in particular is suffering. Emphasizing that the library is the best source of information and recreation for many Renton residents, she noted that Seattle spends \$49 per capita on library services, while Renton spends only \$25.

Councilman Corman suggested adding this request to the "unmet needs" list for Council's consideration.

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THIS REQUEST TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED.

Responding to Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler, Ms. Columbi clarified that the Board is requesting a funding increase of \$60,000.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of a Councilmember, item 7.d. was removed for separate consideration.

## Appointment: Municipal Arts Commission

Mayor Tanner reappointed the following individuals to the Municipal Arts Commission, all for a three-year term expiring 12/31/2001: Bob Dunn, 17600 -

134th Ave. SE #A-201, Renton, 98058, Diana Hagen, 14230 - 147th Ave. SE, Renton, 98059, Deborah Lea Hansen, 807 S. 32nd St., Renton, 98055, and Doug Kyes, 3924 NE 11th Pl., Renton, 98059. Council concur.

EDNSP: Declaration of Surplus Property (339 Burnett Ave S)

Economic Development, Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning Department recommended that a public hearing be set for December 7, 1998 to take testimony on a proposal to declare City-owned property at 339 Burnett Ave. S. as surplus. Council concur.

Annexation: East Renton Plateau

Economic Development, Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning Department recommended a public hearing be set for December 7, 1998, on the 60% Petition to Annex 193 acres adjacent to the existing City limits on the East Renton plateau. Council concur.

Budget: 1998 Final Amendments

Finance & Information Services Department recommended approval of final 1998 Budget amendments in the total amount of \$7,567,000. Refer to Finance Committee.

Streets: Logan Ave S  
Temporary Closure (S 2nd to S 3rd)

Transportation Systems Division requested authorization to temporarily close Logan Ave. S. between S. 2nd and 3rd Streets for approximately three months beginning December 1, 1998, for road reconstruction. Council concur. (See agenda item 10. for resolution.)

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 7.d. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

**Separate Consideration**  
**Item 7.d.**

Finance: 1999 Property Tax Ordinance

Finance & Information Services Department submitted proposed ordinance approving the property tax levy for general governmental funds and voter-approved bond issues.

Council President Edwards suggested that this item be considered in conjunction with all the other 1999-2000 budget items now before the Committee of the Whole. Emphasizing that he knew of no dissension with the Administration's property tax proposal, he nevertheless felt that, as this matter involves the budget, it should be included in that process.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THIS ITEM TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

King County: Elimination of Park Patrol Operations

Correspondence was read from Craig Larsen, Director, King County Department of Parks & Recreation, announcing the proposal to eliminate King County park patrol operations effective January 1, 1999.

Finance: Pull Tab Tax (Petition)

A petition with 30 signatures of Renton-area pull-tab operators was read, requesting that the City reduce its pull tab receipts tax from 5% of gross receipts to 7% of net receipts. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE PETITION TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Community Services**  
**Committee**

Executive: Contract with *Renton Reporter* for *CitySource*

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding the proposed contract with the *Renton Reporter* to print and distribute *CitySource*. *CitySource*, our monthly external newsletter, was established to enhance communication between City government and the Renton business and residential community. The basic goal is to inform Renton residents of current issues, upcoming events and important information about the City.

The City requested proposals to print and distribute *CitySource*. A proposal was received from the *Renton Reporter*. Since 1995, the City has used the *Renton Reporter* for advertising timely information to our residents in a cost-effective manner. Two recent surveys (the pool survey and cable channel 28 survey) indicate that Renton residents obtain information about the City from the *Renton Reporter*.

The *Renton Reporter's* proposal guarantees free delivery of the newspaper which carries *CitySource* to every household within the Renton city limits, using the current circulation number of 27,100. *CitySource* will run as a two-page advertisement, normally falling in the center section. Total cost for the two pages will be \$2,700 per month. This cost includes 27,100 copies mailed to residents, two additional colors and 500 copies of the newspaper for City employees. This rate will be honored for 1999 and 2000, with adjustments limited only to unforeseen postal-rate or newsprint increases. These adjustments will be limited to the actual cost increases, with newsprint calculated to the actual amount used by *CitySource*.

Charges for added circulation (for example, annexations) will be limited to the actual cost of printing and postage. At current costs, added circulation will amount to \$210 per 1,000 additional copies printed and mailed.

The Community Services Committee recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a two-year contract with the *Renton Reporter* to print and distribute *CitySource*. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Parks: City Hall Ramp Design,  
Calvin Jordan, CAG-97-055

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a supplemental agreement to CAG-97-055, contract with Calvin Jordan Associates, Inc., to add the City Hall ramp design to the current scope of work. The cost of this design agreement (\$191,757) is already included in the total cost of the ramp budget of \$2,512,000.00. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Public Safety Committee**  
Fire: Ambulance Company  
Service Agreements

Public Safety Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending that the Administration be authorized to enter into service agreements with local ambulance companies. The Renton Fire Department has had verbal agreements with local ambulance companies in effect for many years. In the last few years, the number of ambulance companies asking to be put on rotation has increased. In order for the Fire Department to outline the level of appropriate care that is expected for our citizens, to set appropriate standards for companies responding in Renton, and to ensure that we have leverage in the event that a company does not meet our standards, it has become necessary to put the agreements in written form. The agreement details the response time requirements, dress code of ambulance employees, standards of service, equipment, staffing, insurance requirements and liability for each company. The purpose of the agreement is to provide an equal opportunity for the private ambulance companies to be placed on the rotation. It also gives the Fire Chief the ability to remove companies from rotation due to non-compliance with the agreement. Each company must sign and abide by the terms of the agreement in order to be placed on a dispatched rotation to provide basic life support transport for the citizens of Renton.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Finance Committee**

Budget: 1998 Adjustment for  
Oakesdale Ave SW Project

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of an appropriation of \$1,712,000 of mitigation revenue received in 1998 from The Boeing Company per the agreement adopted on November 26, 1997, for improvements to Oakesdale Ave. SW from SW 16th Street to SW 27th Street. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for ordinance.)

**Planning & Development  
Committee**

Regional Issues: Kent Potential  
Annexation Area Boundaries  
Agreement

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report recommending that Council authorize the Administration to execute the proposed agreement with the City of Kent relating to potential annexation area designations. The Committee further recommended that the Administration be authorized to annex approximately 31.6 acres between SR-167 on the west and 92nd Ave. S. on the east, and between S. 200th St. on the south and S. 55th St. on the north, when the City of Kent de-annexes it, pursuant to the agreement. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCES AND  
RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #3363**

Streets: Logan Ave S  
Temporary Closure

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the temporary closure of Logan Ave. S. between S. 2nd St. and S. 3rd St. for reconstruction. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the meeting of December 7, 1998 for second and final reading:

Budget: 1998 Amendment for  
Oakesdale Ave SW Project

An ordinance was read providing for 1998 Budget amendments in the total amount of \$1,712,000 to accommodate planned expenditures for the Oakesdale Ave. SW project, Phase 1. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/07/98. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading:

**Ordinance #4752**

Police: Peddler's License

An ordinance was read amending Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code by adding Chapter 20, Peddler's License. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

**Ordinance #4753**

Police: State Firearms &  
Dangerous Weapons Crimes

An ordinance was read amending subsection 6-10-1.K of Chapter 10, Criminal Code, of Title VI (Police Regulations) of City Code relating to the adoption by reference of State firearms/dangerous weapons crimes. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council: Councilmember  
Compensation

Council President Edwards noted that it has been seven years since the last compensation increase for City Councilmembers. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PAPRKE, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES. CARRIED.

Mayor Tanner commented that the Administration wholeheartedly supports an increase in Councilmember compensation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 20 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PROPERTY ACQUISITION. CARRIED. Time: 8:30 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:50 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 9:01 p.m.

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MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold  
November 23, 1998